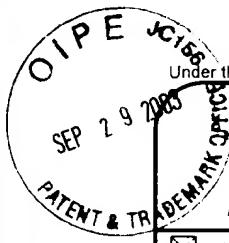


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| 1203 | 260 | 2203 | 140 | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid |
| 1204 | 84 | 2204 | 42 | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent |
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| 1812 | 2,520 | 1812 | 2,520 | For filing a request for reexamination |
| 1804 | 920* | 1804 | 920* | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action |
| 1805 | 1,840* | 1805 | 1,840* | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action |
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| 1253 | 930 | 2253 | 465 | Extension for reply within third month |
| 1254 | 1,450 | 2254 | 725 | Extension for reply within fourth month |
| 1255 | 1,970 | 2255 | 985 | Extension for reply within fifth month |
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| 1402 | 320 | 2402 | 160 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal |
| 1403 | 280 | 2403 | 140 | Request for oral hearing |
| 1451 | 1,510 | 1451 | 1,510 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding |
| 1452 | 110 | 2452 | 55 | Petition to revive - unavoidable |
| 1453 | 1,300 | 2453 | 650 | Petition to revive - unintentional |
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| 1502 | 470 | 2502 | 235 | Design issue fee |
| 1503 | 630 | 2503 | 315 | Plant issue fee |
| 1460 | 130 | 1460 | 130 | Petitions to the Commissioner |
| 1807 | 50 | 1807 | 50 | Petitions related to provisional applications |
| 1806 | 180 | 1806 | 180 | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt |
| 8021 | 40 | 8021 | 40 | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) |
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| 1810 | 750 | 2810 | 375 | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b)) |
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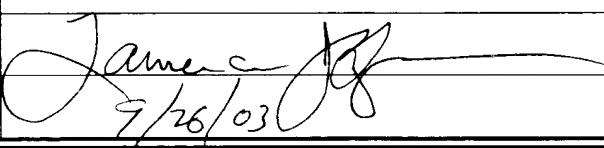
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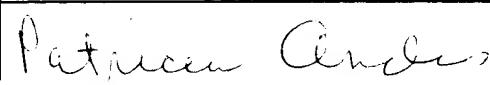
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